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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MILI VS  
SUBJ: UPDATE INFORMATION ON SINKING OF LCM'S IN BINH DUONG

FOLG TEL SENT ACTION SAIGON, USDAO RVN FM BIEN HOA 16 NOV 73  
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QUOTE

BIEN HOA 0602

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI VS  
SUBJECT: UPDATE INFORMATION ON SINKING OF LCM'S IN BINH DUONG

REF: BIEN HOA 0600

FULL REPORT FROM BINH DUONG ARRO INDICATES MORE DAMAGE DONE  
THAN ORIGINALLY REPORTED. WATER SAPPER ATTACK OCCURRED AT  
0400 THIS MORNING AT 24TH RIVER ASSAULT GROUP HEADQUARTERS  
AT PHU CUONG BRIDGE. RESULTS WERE TWO MR-26 (LCM'S) SUNK,  
ONE M-8 BADLY DAMAGED AND ONE M-6 PARTLY DAMAGED. BELIEVED  
THAT AT LEAST TWO SHAPED CHARGES PLACED BY WATER SAPPERS  
SIMULTANEOUSLY DETONATED CAUSING DAMAGE. ATTACK NOW APPEARS  
TO BE CONTINUATION OF V.C. WATER SAPPER ASSAULT ON GVN SHIPPING  
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REPORTED IN BIEN HOA 0597. LOCATION OF DAMAGED AND SUNK BOATS

WITHIN 50 METERS OF PHU CUONG BRIDGE SUGGEST NVA CAPABILITY  
TO ASSAULT BRIDGE.  
WALKINSHAW

UNQUOTE.  
APPLING

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